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SUBJECT: VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL SOLAR COMMERCIALIZATION WORKING
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1. REGRET WE ARE UNABLE, AT LEAST FOR NOW, TO GIVE DEFINITIVE CONCURRENCE IN VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLAR COMMERCIALIZATION WORKING GROUP. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, DR. ABDOU MOUMOUNI OF ONERSOL IS ONLY REPEAT ONLY WORTHWHILE POINT OF CONTACT ON SOLAR ENERGY MATTERS WITH GON. HE RETURNS LATER THIS WEEK FROM US WHERE HE HAS BEEN ON LEADER GRANT AND WE PLAN TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BROACH QUESTION OF VISIT ACCORDING TO HIS SCHEDULE AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

2. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT MOUMOUNI WILL WELCOME OR UNDER-
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STAND REASONS FOR VISIT AFAR HIS JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED LONG EXPOSURE TO U.S. SOLAR ENERGY SECTOR AND ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL HERE OF ALREADY SCHEDULED AID SOLAR ENERGY TEAM IN EARLY JULY.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AWARE, MOUMOUNI IN THE PAST HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO EXCESSIVE NUMBER STUDY--RESEARCH TEAMS

DESCENDING ON PAPER-THIN ONERSOL IN FREQUENTLY UNCOORDINATED FASHION. EXCEPT IN EVENT THAT HE HAS ALREADY ISSUED INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL SOLAR COMMERCIALIZATION WORKING GROUP TO VISIT WHILE IN WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH RECEIVING THIS GROUP HARD ON HEELS OF WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AID SOLAR ENERGY TEAM, WHICH WILL BE COMING TO NIGER TO PREPARE A PROJECT PAPER.

4. IN SUMMARY, NIAMEY PART OF ITINERARY SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL WE HAVE A CHANCE TO ELICIT MOUMOUNI'S REACTION WHICH WE WILL OF COURSE REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPORT UNTIL JUNE 9 AT EARLIEST. IF MOUMOUNI WISHES TEAM TO VISIT NIAMEY LATER, TEAM COULD GO TO ABIDJAN FROM LAGOS, THEN PROCEED TO NIAMEY AND FINALLY JOURNEY TO DAKAR. JAMES

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